

screw of the extruder; and depositing the material onto the at least one conducting element, the filtration operation being performed with a filtration efficiency greater than 0.8, preferably greater than 0.9.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to conform them to U.S. practice. Claims 20-34 are pending in this application. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

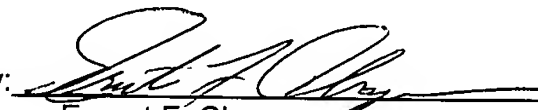
The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

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